### Montana Teen Driver Education & Training

### Module 1

# PARENT ORIENTATION MEETING







# Driver Education Parents/Guardians Meeting

- Course schedule
- Requirements
- Expectations of the teen student and the parents/ guardians
- Montana Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) law
  - Requires 50 hours of supervised practice driving including 10 hours at night with an adult
  - Teens need 2 hours of driving practice each week to meet the required 50 hours within 6 months – Learner licenses are valid for one year
  - Limits passengers and restricts night driving with first year license





Driver Education, GDL, and Parent Involvement





# What Can You, the Parent, Do?

- Be a good role model for safe and smart driving
- Participate with your teen during driver education
- Supervise teen driving and encourage safe driving habits
- Set family driving rules, limits and consequences
- Know Montana's Graduated Driver License Law <a href="https://doj.mt.gov/driving/driver-licensing/#newdrivers">https://doj.mt.gov/driving/driver-licensing/#newdrivers</a>



## What are the risks facing young teen drivers?

- Inexperience
- Judgment
- Speed
- Distractions
- Fatigue
- Alcohol is involved in about 16% of fatal crashes involving 16- and 17-year-old drivers

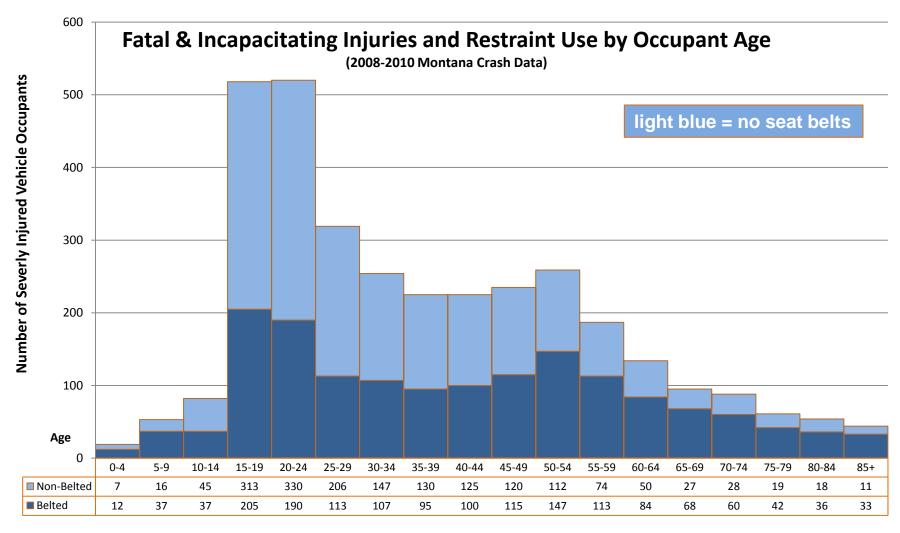


These factors cause crashes, but what *kills*?

Not wearing a seat belt



### **Montana Crash Data**







### Major causes of crashes in Montana



Inattentiveness, carelessness and driving speed accounted for more than 50% of Montana crashes over the past 10 years.



### **Montana Teen Crashes**

All new drivers—even straight-A students and "good kids"—are more likely than experienced drivers to be involved in a crash



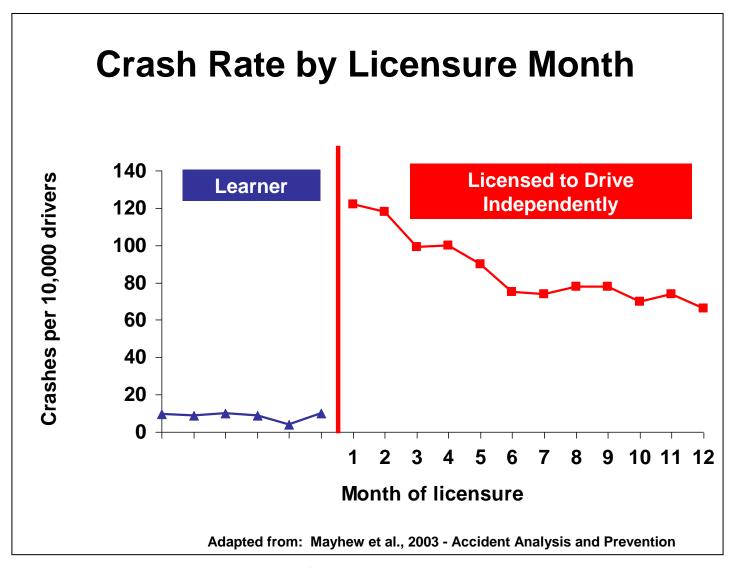


### The major causes of teen crashes in Montana:

- Speed too fast at curves
- Failure to see Line of Sight Path of Travel (LOS-POT) far enough in advance
- Rain, loose gravel, sand, snow, ice
- Out-of-balance SUV or pickup truck overturning

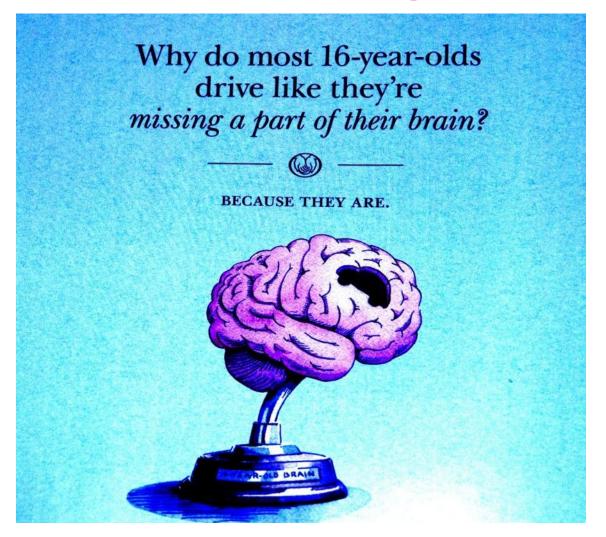


### Teen drivers are inexperienced



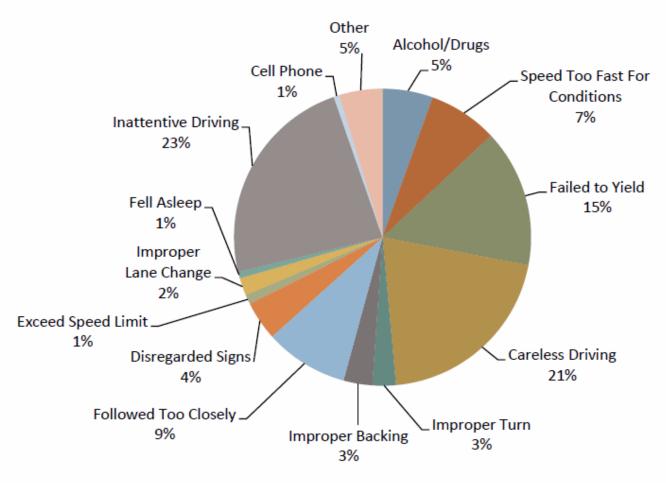


### **Teens and Judgment**





### Driver's Contributing Circumstances in Crashes (2009 Data)



Source: Montana Department of Transportation - Safety Management System



### Four Levels of Performance

Level 1 — Unconsciously Competent: I don't have to think about what I know and what I can do, but I do it well

Level 2 — Consciously Competent:
I am <u>aware</u> of what <u>I know</u> and what <u>I can do</u>
and what I need to do to continue to improve

Level 3 — Consciously Incompetent:

I am <u>aware</u> of what <u>I don't know</u> and what <u>I can't do</u> and **I am willing to work on getting better!** 

Level 4 — Unconsciously Incompetent:

I am <u>unaware</u> of what I don't know and what I can't do





#### **Driving in Montana**

#### Instruction Permits and Learner Licenses





PERMITS USED FOR TRAFFIC EDUCATION									
TEP Traffic Education Permit	AGE*- enrolled in approved traffic education program *Enrollment age is subject to school policy	DURATION Only during approved traffic education course with traffic education instructor. TEP expires at the end of class	RESTRICTION Drive only with approved traffic education instructor during driver education class						
TELL - Traffic Education Learner License	AGE at least 14 ½ and enrolled in or successfully completed approved traffic education course	DURATION Valid for one year  May use until eligible for Restricted License	RESTRICTION  Drive only with traffic education instructor, licensed parent or legal guardian**						

ADULTS DURING THE	S OR LEGAL GUARDIANS ( GDL PERMIT PHASE, STU IT AVAILABLE AFTER OR	DENTS MUST OBTAIN AN	INSTRUCTION PERMIT
Instruction Permit (IP)/ Learner License	AGE 15 after successful completion of approved traffic education course; or age 16 without traffic education	DURATION Valid for one year	RESTRICTION Drive only with licensed parent, legal guardian or licensed adult driver who is authorized by parent

	GDL Restricted License	Full Privilege Driver License
ha TE m the ha su	EGINS after student has ad any combination of EP, TELL or IP at least six onths AND while holding e permit(s), the student is completed 50 hours of pervised driving practice 10 hours must be at night URATION One Year	BEGINS after student has completed one-year GDL restricted license period or if the student turns 18 before the one- year restricted license period is complete, when the student turns 18 DURATION
GI > > Ex res	DL RESTRICTIONS - First 6 months only one unrelated passenger Second 6 months up to 3 unrelated passengers Each occupant must wear a seat belt No driving between 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. cceptions to night driving strictions include nergencies, travel to and om school, church, or ork and farm related tivities	REMEMBER  Drive Safely  Follow the rules of the road  Everyone wears a seat belt  Drive sober



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### **Graduated Driver License**

Four Key Objectives

Expand Learning Process

Minimize Crash Risk Exposure

**GDL** 

Improve Driving
Skills

Motivate for Safety



### GDL Step One:

50 hours • 10 at night

The Starting Line is knowing the Rules of the Road ... then it's time to practice













### **GDL Step One:** Learner's License

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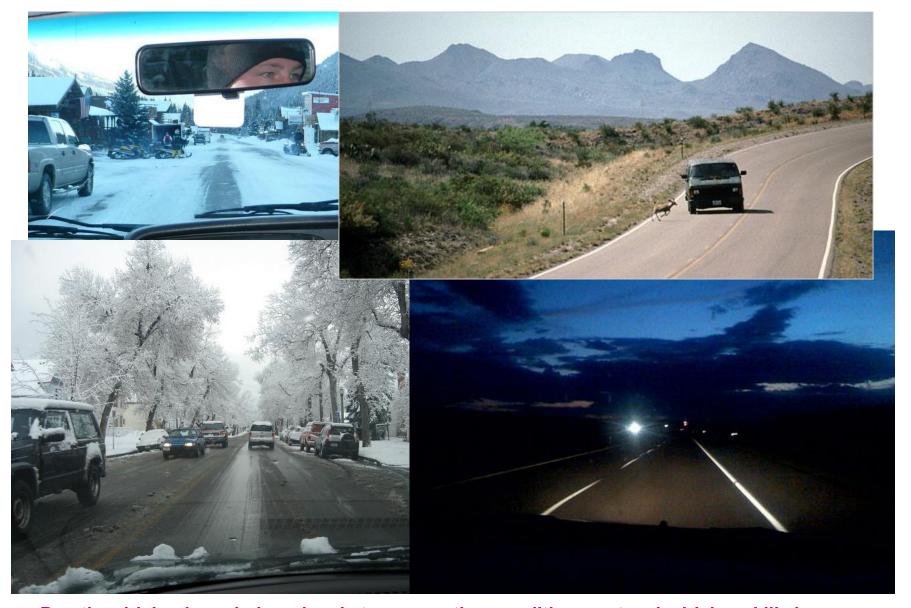
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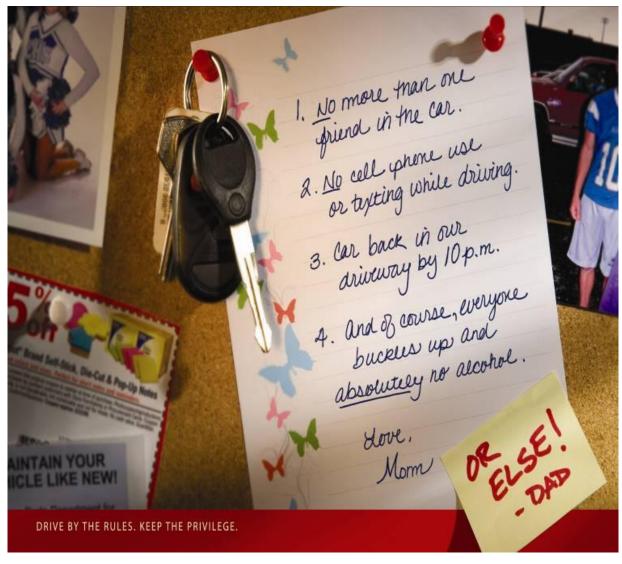




Practice driving in varied road and stormy weather conditions as teen's driving skills improve



### **GDL First-Year Restricted License**



### Montana GDL Steps: Restrictions

Seatbelts required – for everyone – all the time

#### Passengers –

First 6 months – only one Second 6 months – up to three **Best Practices:** No passengers

### **Night restrictions**

11:00 pm - 5:00 am

Best Practices: Avoid it. The real

risk is <u>darkness</u>

Parents are the Key to Teen Driver Safety

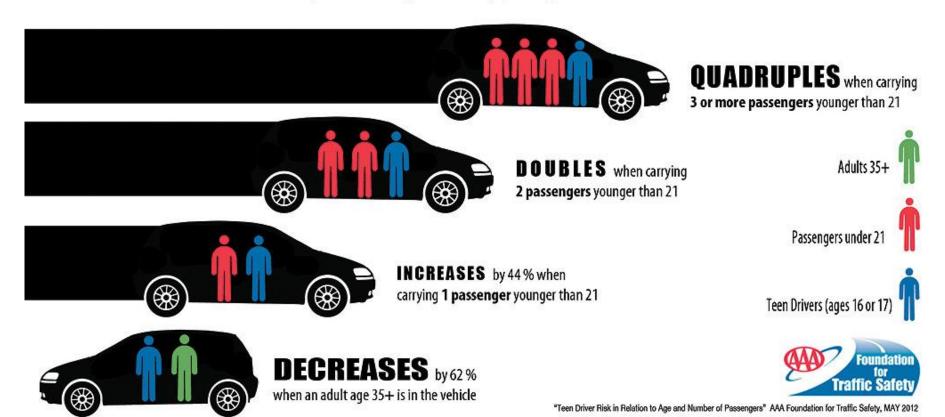




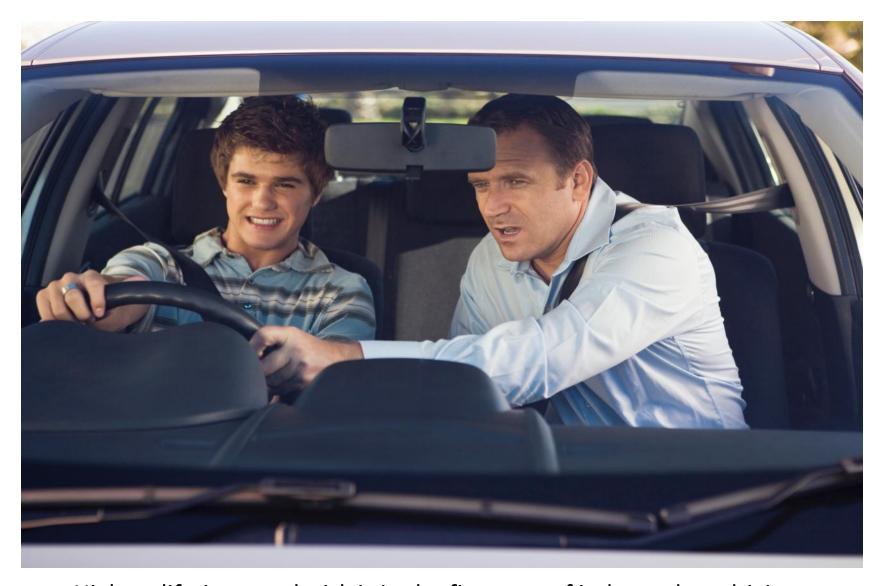
### **Teen Drivers Risk Death with Young Passengers**

A 16- or 17-year-old driver's RISK OF BEING KILLED IN A CRASH increases when there are young passengers in the vehicle.

Compared to driving without any passengers, THE RISK:







Highest lifetime crash risk is in the first year of independent driving. Lowest risk is when driving with parent/guardian.



### **CAN I BORROW THE CAR?**

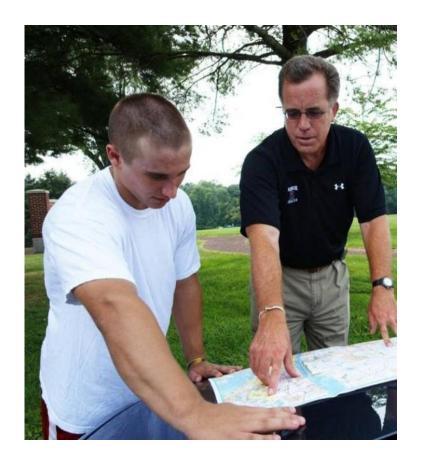
### The conversation starter that might stop a teen from crashing

Recommend that teens ask for the keys at least for the first 6-12 months.

Parent's opportunity to:

- review house rules
- help with trip decisions
- provide support on peer pressure

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia <a href="http://www.teendriverssource.org/">http://www.teendriverssource.org/</a> (2011)





### **CAN I RIDE WITH A FRIEND?**



### IS YOUR FRIEND A SAFE DRIVER?



Inexperienced teen drivers increase risk for passengers – 54% of 14-year-old passenger deaths happen when a teen is driving.





### **Steering for Balance and Control**

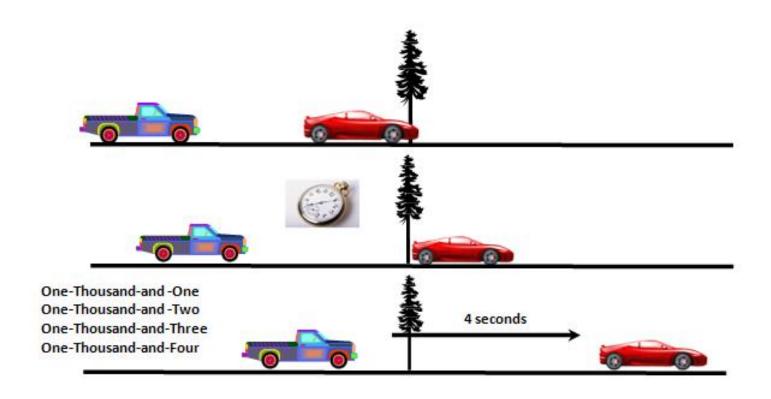






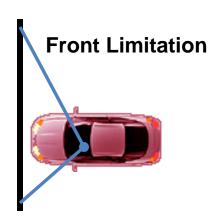


### **Minimum Following Distance**



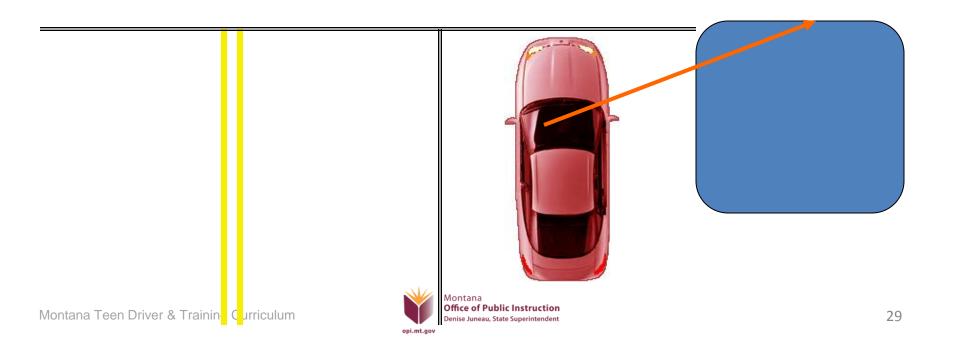


### **Reference Points**



Knowing where the front end of your vehicle is when you are:

- AT INTERSECTIONS
- IN A STOPPING POSITION
- PERPENDICULAR PARKING



### LOS-POT Line of Sight - Path of Travel





# Targeting Find • Solve • Control



### **Disastrous Distractions**



- Visual Eyes off the road
- **2.** Cognitive Mind off the road
- 3. Manual Hands off the steering wheel

Nearly 8 out of 10 crashes happen within three seconds of a driver becoming distracted.



### **Deadly Distractions**





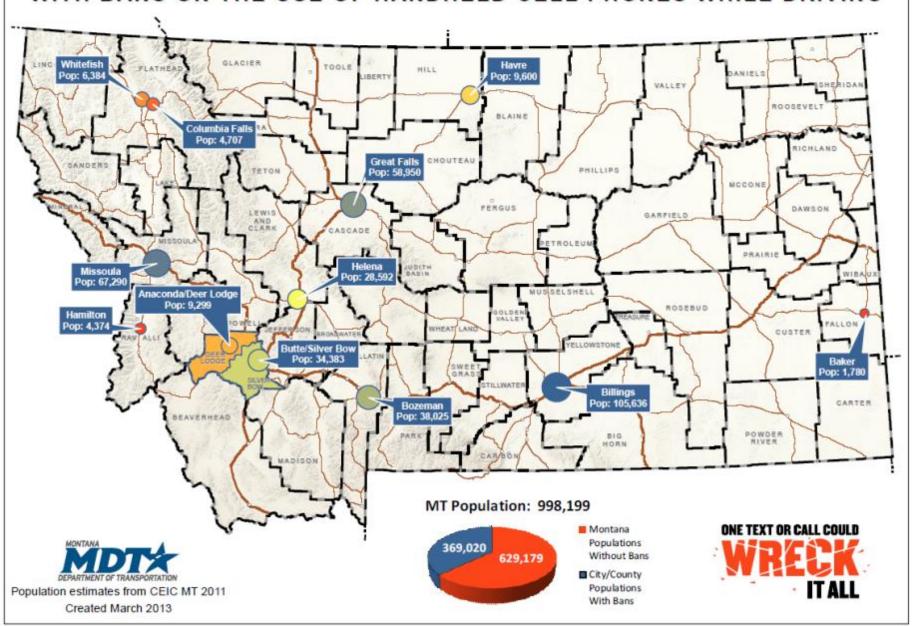


- 50.2% of Montana high school students reported texting and 53.3% used a cell phone while driving during the past 30 days (YRBS 2011)
- Text messaging creates a crash risk
   23 times worse than driving while not distracted. (VTTI)
- Sending or receiving a text takes a driver's eyes from the road for an average of 4.6 seconds -- the equivalent of driving blind for the length of an entire football field at 55 mph. (VTTI)

http://www.distraction.gov/



### MONTANA CITIES AND COUNTIES WITH BANS ON THE USE OF HANDHELD CELL PHONES WHILE DRIVING

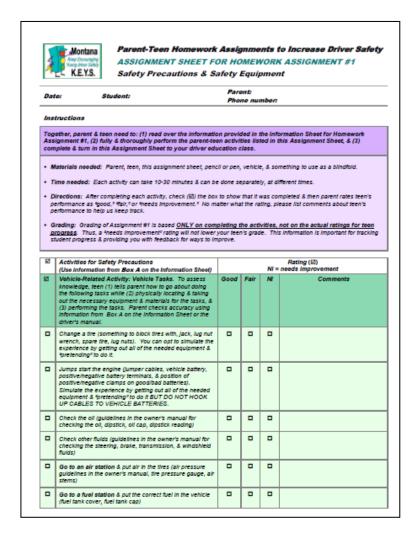


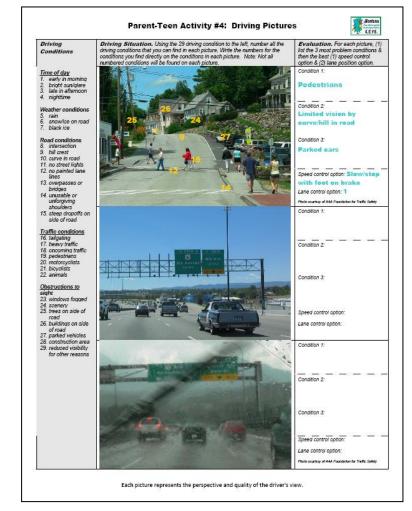
### **Traffic Education Program Policies**

- Class schedule
- Attendance
- Behind-the-Wheel (BTW) scheduling
- Driving to Traffic Education class
- Classroom make-up sessions
- BTW make-up sessions
- Tardiness
- Drive groups
- Successful Completion
- Other



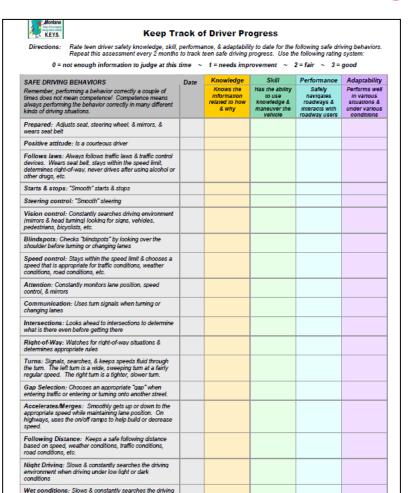
### Montana KEYS Parent Teen Homework







### Montana KEYS Skill Assessment and Parent Teen Agreement





while talking or

texting on the

cell phone

1	K.E.Y.S. Remember, sa	e driving means being able to safely navigate roadways & safely inter These expectations are meant to increase EVERYONE'S		Office of Public Instruction Denise Juneou. State Superintendent			
SAFE DRIVING	Discussion Knows & understands the	Rules Expectations for safely navigating roadways &	Example Violations & Consequences Common Fair consequences determined				
TOPICS	information related to safety	interacting with other roadway users	Common violations	Together by parent & teen			
Traffic Laws	☐ The importance of obeying all traffic laws (including seat belt use & driving within posted speed limits) & traffic control devices (signals, signs, & lines)	□ Obey all traffic laws □ Obey all traffic control devices (signals, signs, & lines) □ Wear seat belt as driver or passenger □ Have all passengers wear seat belts □ Drive within posted speed limits	☐ Teen did not make all passengers wear seat belts	Lose driving privileges for			
Alcohol & Other Drugs	☐ The risks related to using alcohol or other drugs & driving	□ Never use alcohol or other drugs & drive □ Never ride with a driver who is driving after alcohol or drug use □ Call home if you cannot get home safely (Parent will arrange a safe ride home)	☐ Teen rode with someone who had been drinking	□ Lose driving privileges for			
Courteous Driving	☐ The importance of being a courteous driver, including the need to communicate with other road users & to have a patient driving attitude	□ Use signal lights, brake lights, & lane position for communication □ Have a patient driving attitude □ Never show aggressive driving or road rage □ Never respond to other's aggressive driving or road rage	☐ Teen got a ticket for aggressive driving	Lose driving privileges for			
Vision, Balance, & Judgment	The importance of vision, balance, & judgment for safe driving The dangers of driving at high speeds	□ Never put yourself or others at risk by driving too fast for conditions □ Teens should have extensive supervised practice on high-speed roads before they are allowed to drive at high speeds on their own □ Once licensed, teens should have extensive independent experience driving in low-risk conditions—at lower speeds—before they drive at high speeds	☐ Teen got a ticket for speeding 10mph over the speed limit	Lose driving privileges for			
Driving Conditions	☐ The risks related to driving in adverse weather conditions ☐ The risks related to driving in dawn/dusk/insplit conditions ☐ The risks related to various road & traffic conditions ☐ The risks related to driving with teen passengere	□ Never put yourself or others at increased risk by making unnecessary trips in adverse weather □ Pay even more attention while driving at dawn/dusk/night and/or with teen passengers □ Teens should have extensive supervised practice in adverse weather, dusk/dawn/nighttime, road, & traffic conditions before they are allowed to drive in them on their own □ Once licensed, teens should have extensive independent experience driving in low-risk conditions—fair weather conditions, daylight driving, NO PASSENGERS, & fair road & fatfic conditions—before they drive under adverse driving conditions	☐ Teen made an unnecessary trip under unsafe circumstances (adverce weather, road, or traffic conditions)	Lose driving privileges for			
	☐ The risks related to unsafe	□ Never take unnecessary risks while driving	☐ Teen drove	☐ Lose driving privileges for			

☐ Never perform risky driving behaviors

☐ Never drive when angry, upset, or overly tired

phone, eating, etc.

We understand & agree to abide by & enforce these expectations for safe driving. Parent Initials:

☐ Reduce distractions while driving from passengers, radio/CDs, cell

Parent-Teen Agreement for Safe Driving Expectations



Unsafe

driving, including risky driving,

driving. & driving when angry.

distracted driving, drowsy

upset, or overly tired

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\* Contact your teen's driver education instructor if you would like more of these handouts to assess teen driving

environment when driving under wet or icy conditions

☐ Other

(write in amount of time)

(write in what & amount of time)

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### **Getting Your MT Driver's License**

#### **Traffic Education Permit**

To drive only with instructor

BTW: Driver Evaluation Record					ord						
TASK DRIVE #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	REMARKS
Pre-Drive/Vehicle Inspection:											D1
Locks, Seat, Mirror, Belt, Park Br.											
Control:											
Start											
Vision - Scanning - Mirror Check											
Put in Motion											
Steering/Hand Position: 9-3 / 8-4											D2
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Exit											
Head Check Blind Spots											
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Attitude Toward Other Drivers											
Cooperation With Instructor											

3 = Acceptable

1 = More Practice

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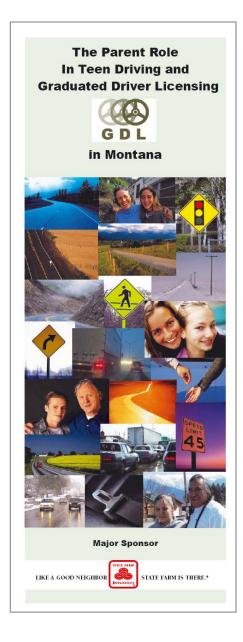
### State of Montana Traffic Education Learner's License (TELL) Permit

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Name: <u>Jeannette Rankin</u>		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Restrictions:		License: Class D
DOB: <u>06/11/1880</u> Sex:	Wt: Ht:	Hair: Eye <u>s:</u>
Applicant's Signature:		
Traffic Education Learner's License: Good for the of driver education instructor occupying the seat beside the with 10 hours at night. After 09/15/2012, you may apply	e driver. Six months and 50 hours o	supervised driving practice are required
The TELL is valid for 1 year from the da	ate the knowlege test was	passed. Exp. Date: _03/15/2013
Examiner /	Station /	Date03/15/2013
Instructor	School Missoula High	School Date:

After GDL 50 hours and 6 months of supervised driving practice







### **GDL Driving Practice Log**

- GDL information
- Techniques for guiding teen driver's practice period
- Log to track practice time
- Parent/Teen contract
- Bring to driver examiner when applying for restricted license; they will ask for it.



### **Getting Your Driver's License**



Check to see if the driver exam station requires appointments.

https://doj.mt.gov/driving/appointment-scheduling

#### **Bring:**

- □ CERTIFIED BIRTH CERTIFICATE (not a copy)
- □ SOCIAL SECURITY CARD (not a copy)
- □ Cancelled mail showing your name and mailing address (can't be a post office box)
- Parent/legal guardian to sign consent
- □ Driving practice log

Driver License Exam Stations require TWO forms of identification.

The list of additional documents which are accepted ONLY at Driver Exam Stations can be found at <a href="http://www.doj.mt.gov/driving">http://www.doj.mt.gov/driving</a>



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# "You've invested time and caring to grow them well and keep them healthy and safe.



Your time and caring are needed now more than ever."

David Huff, Traffic Education Director – 1992 - 2011 Montana Office of Public Instruction

